



Fostering public capacity to plan, finance and manage integrated urban REGeneration
for sustainable energy uptake



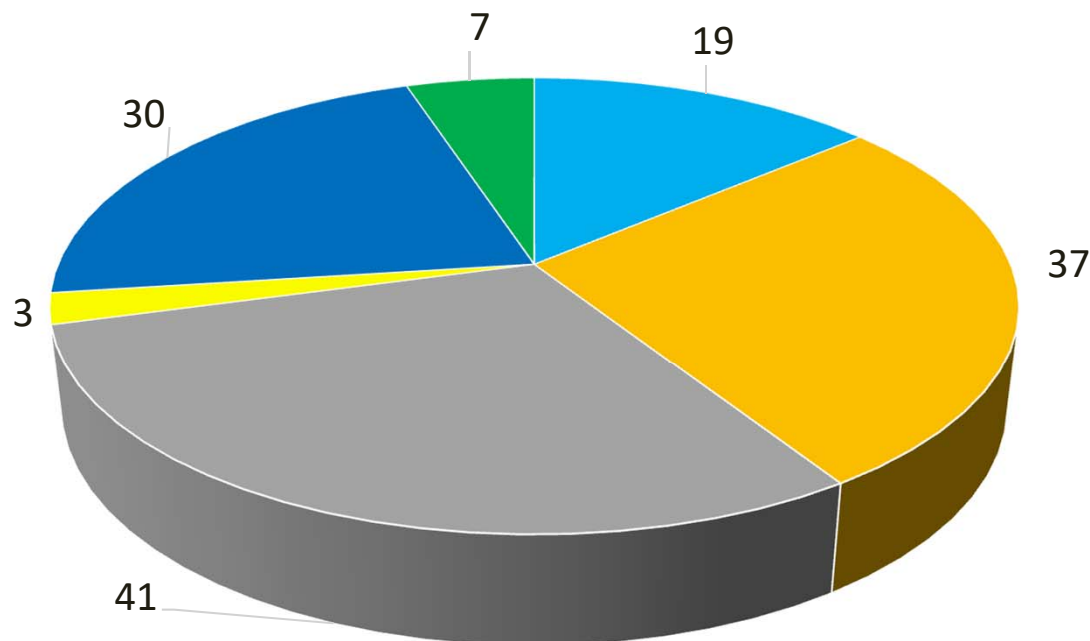
**Presenting the activities
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Zagreb, Croatia

- 137 participants in collaborative analysis and 172 participants in capacity building activities consisting of academia, national, regional and local government employees, agencies and NGO's, industry and project developers, owners and residents and building managers.

Stakeholder attendance in CAA process in Croatia



- Academic
- Agencies and NGO's
- National, regional and local government
- Owners and residents
- Industry and project developers
- Building managers

- 3 stages:
 1. analysis of barriers
 2. solutions for identified barriers
 3. strategies for the solutions' implementation

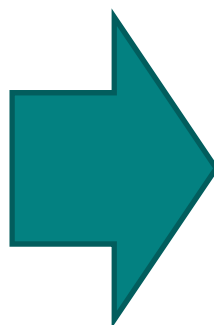
Identified barriers:

- Policies/legislations (rapid regulatory changes, property rights and ownership, protected cultural heritage, complex procedures for large-scale projects)
- Management (lack of appropriate planning instruments, citizens lack of interest, lack of experience and expertise in preparation of EE projects, partial implementation of EE measures due to lack of funds)
- Financial (lack of well-prepared projects, insufficient financial resources, low budget funds in cities and counties)

- FosterREG workshops achieved very much needed interaction between different groups of stakeholders in Croatia
- Lack of knowledge and awareness are crucial issues

Transfer of knowledge and awareness about new concepts of urban regeneration through good practice examples and education

Public administration employee education for planning, financing and PM

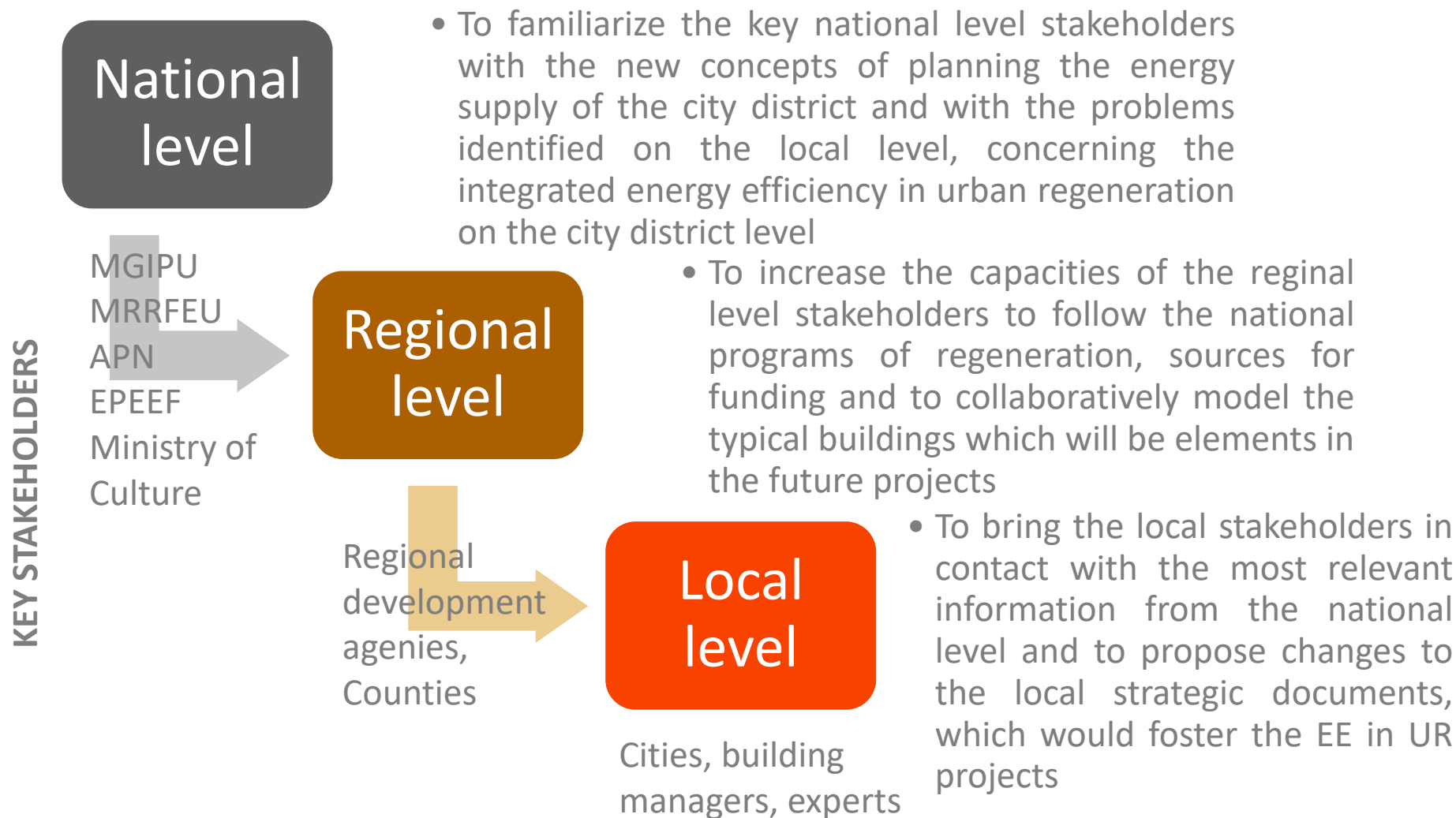


Introduction of mandatory professional training of new concepts for planning and implementation for urban regeneration for public officials

Adoption of comprehensive interdisciplinary strategies and plans that political/interest groups are obliged to execute

Most important capacity building activities

KEY AIMS OF THE TRAINING PROCESS:



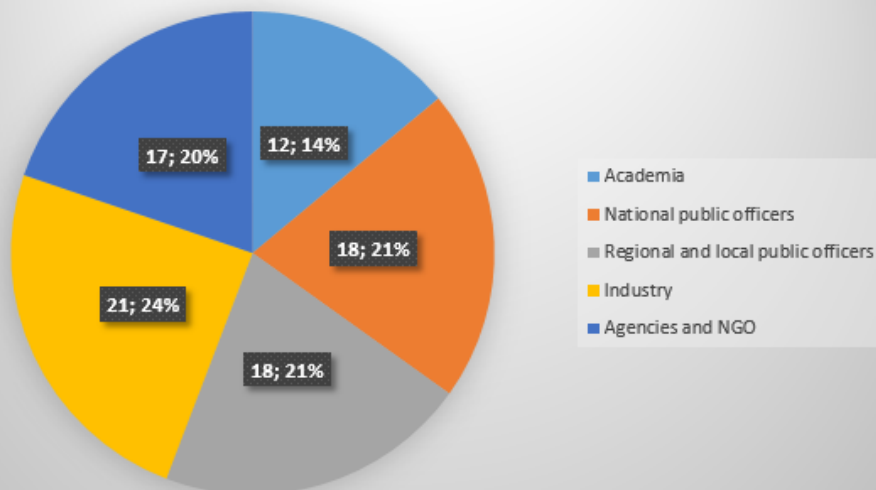
Event 1 – short summary

National level: Zagreb, February 15th 2017

Key topics:

- RES integration in city districts (PV and DHS)
- National plan of building regeneration and the results in the last year
- Barriers and solutions at the local level – cities in contact with the Ministry

Workshop attendance



Participation of key stakeholders:
MGIPU, MRRFEU, APN, EPEEF, City of Osijek,
City of Zagreb.
Overall 86 participants attended.

- Additional attention to be given to urban planners, architects and conservators.

Event 2 – short summary

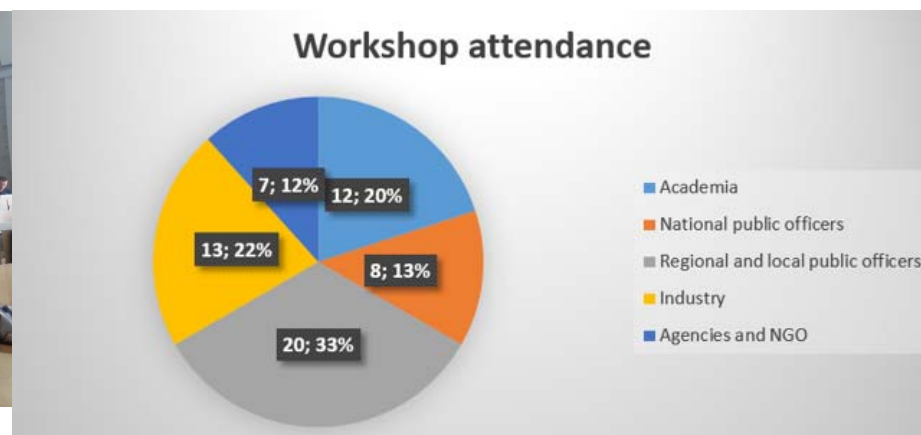
Regional level: Osijek, March 3rd 2017 – financing of the projects and fine-tuning the legislation and application procedures

Attendees:

APN, City of Osijek, MGIPU, Ministry of Culture (conservators), RDA of Slavonia and Baranja, EPEEF, experts from practice, building managers, Counties (Sisak-Moslavina, Osijek-Baranja...). Overall, 60 attendees.

Themes:

- Conservation of the cultural heritage
- The implementation of the national program of regeneration so far
- Sources of funding for the urban regeneration
- Modeling the typical buildings in the neighbourhood



- Legal obstacles remain the key issue, the documents and registers need to be handled

Event 2 – short summary

Local level: Osijek, April 11th 2017 – fine-tuning the legislation and proposing changes in local strategic documents

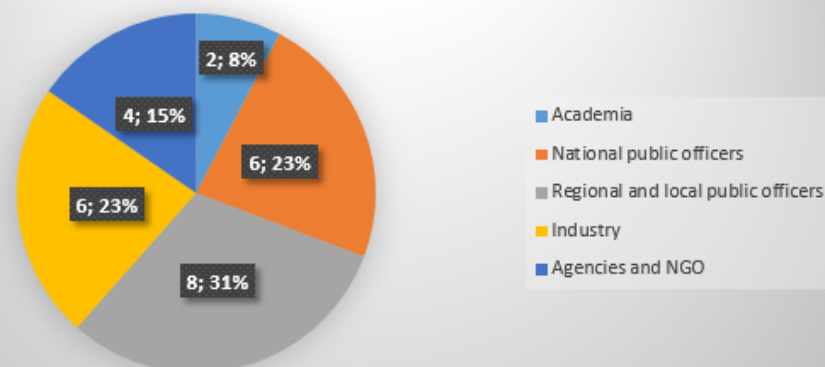


Attendees:

MGIPU, APN, RDA of Slavonia and Baranja, City of Osijek, City of Beli Manastir, City of Belišće, DOOR, Zavod za stanovanje (building managers), Osijek-Baranja County.

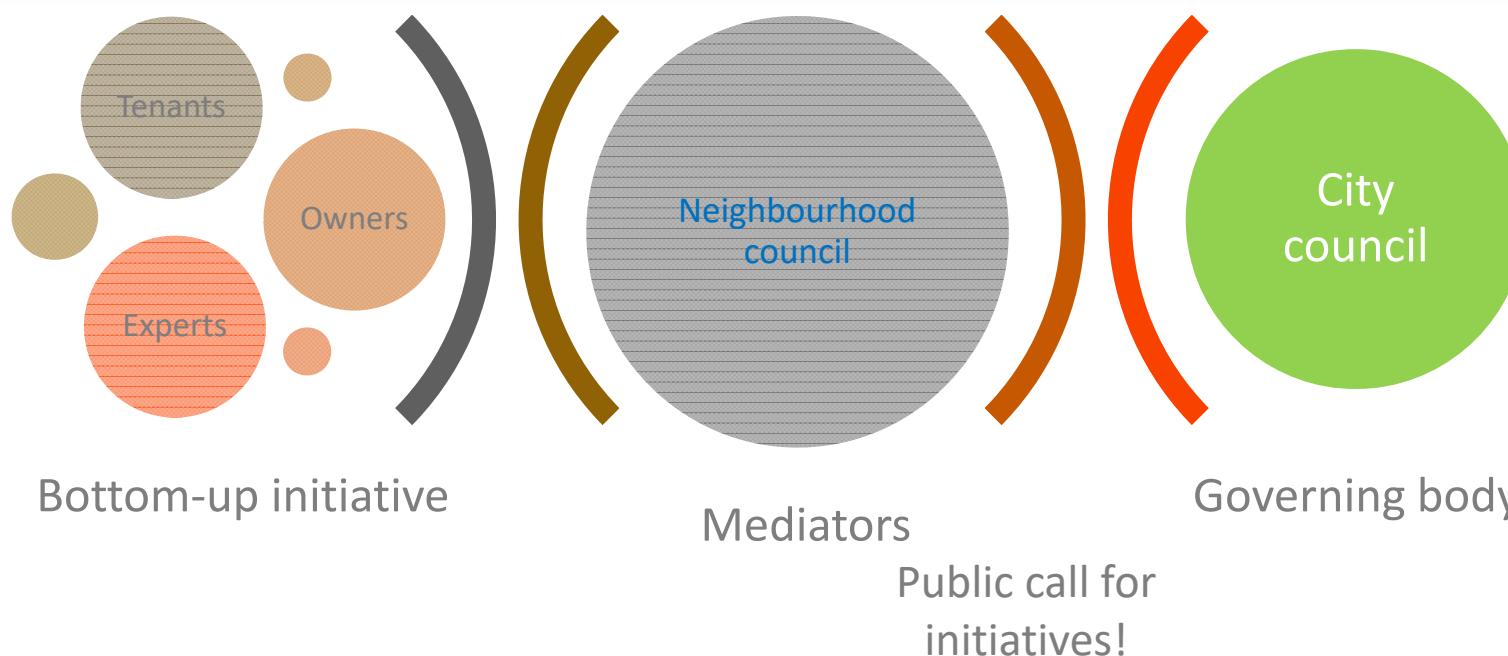
Overall, 26 participants in a tailor made event.

Workshop attendance



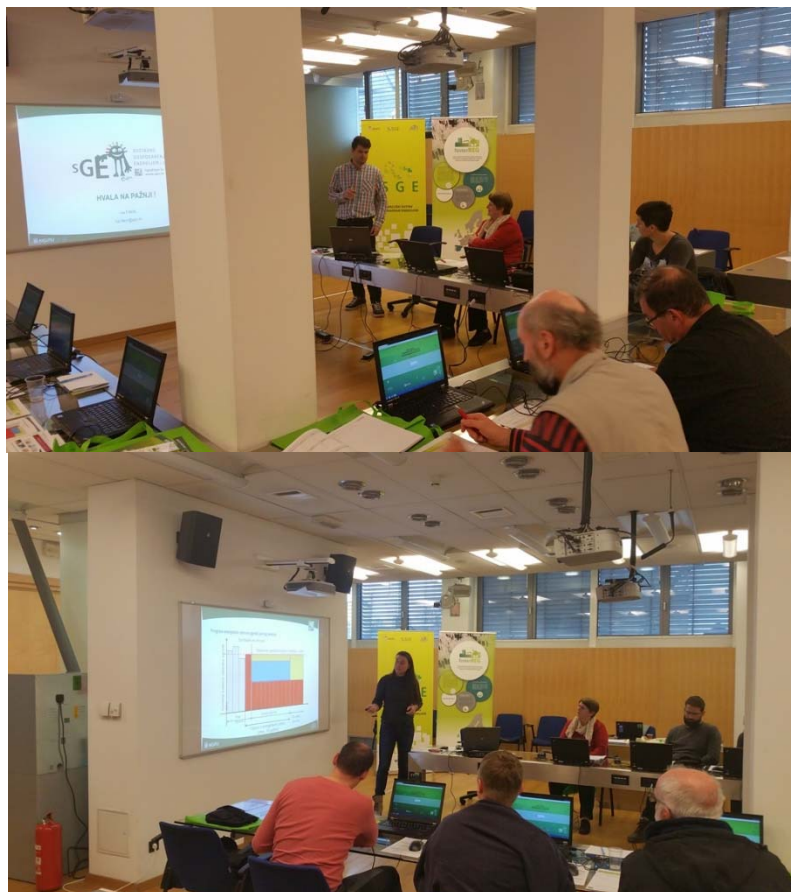
- Bottom-up initiative on the neighbourhood council level
- Integral territorial investment programme
- Regeneration of the neighbourhood in multiple stages
- Anticipate the importance of energy supply for the neighbourhood in Urban Physical Plan

Event 2 - Proposing the changes in strategic documents



- Defining the URBAN REGENERATION PROGRAMME – project activities in stages, cost-benefit analysis included
- Urban Physical Plan is a relevant document which needs to include the energy supply of the neighbourhood
- Neighbourhood council is the body which mediates between the bottom-up initiative by the end-users and the City
- When searching for funding, the Integral Territorial Investments should be addressed

Dissemination and awareness rising



- Educational workshops organized by the APN gathered over 225 employees from the buildings of public use, schools, kindergardens, public health facilities and local government units.
- Only 10% of the attendees are from the relevant group of stakeholders for the FosterREG project, but workshops were held in 5 cities in different parts of Croatia, to raise the awareness about EE in UR.

Major achievements in the training process

- Over 170 stakeholder and at least 120 different stakeholders participated in the training process at the Action 1 and 2 workshops in Zagreb and Osijek
- Over 225 attendees at the Energy councilor/associate workshops in Action 3, organized by the APN
- During the process, key national stakeholders have been continuously present at the events and in discussion with the other levels of government
- Local level stakeholders used the opportunity to offer the valuable information about the problems at their level
- Through cooperation with other projects, foundation for sustained work in the national networks was made

- Urban planners will need additional information on the continuous basis, regarding the energy planning and modelling
- Final users would benefit from the dissemination of new funding models
- Documents and legal barriers need a lot of work on local and regional level in order to be solved – but it is necessary

Thank you for your attention

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